

21 Edgewater Alley
Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451

January 5, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

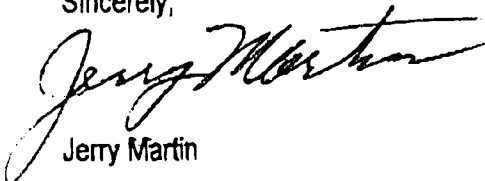
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to voice my opinion concerning the Microsoft antitrust case that was recently settled with a strong and binding settlement. I urge you to please stop any further Federal government intervention beyond this settlement. There have already been settlements reached between various states and Microsoft, all of which involved mediators and a great deal of negotiation. The settlement forces Microsoft to document and disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products - a first in an antitrust settlement. Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against software or hardware developers who develop or promote software that competes with Windows or that runs on software that competes with Windows.

I am retired, but have previously been involved in "big business." I see the hardships Microsoft is facing on the side of a businessman and an everyday computer user. It seems to me that this drawn-out lawsuit has become a victim of politics and money lust. Microsoft has contributed much to this country, creating jobs, bringing technology and donating a great deal of products to schools and other charities.

Don't allow our economy to drift further into recession. Please allow Microsoft to get back on their feet again.

Sincerely,



Jerry Martin